**Survey by Albion India INC. USA for Oil and Gas in the Krishna Godavari Basin**

1247. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during a revaluation survey carried out by the President of Albion India Inc. USA, several prospects of striking oil and gas in shallow water have been identified during exploration activities in the Krishna Godavari basin on the east coast of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on the basis of such survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Exploration work in the block KG-OS-90/1 in Krishna Godavari offshore basin is in progress.

**GAS Pipeline from Iran**

1248. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has agreed to allow land roufe from Iran to India through its territory for gas pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken to implement the project at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) It has been decided to study the feasibility of a gas pipeline from Iran along a sub-sea route lying outside the territorial waters of Pakistan. Bids for undertaking the feasibility study are under evaluation.

**Collection of Money by IOC Employees**

1249. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2184 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th August, 1994 and state:

(a) the terms of reference of enquiry conducted by IOC alongwith the designation of the Enquiry Officer on the allegations of coercion for forceful collections of money by a section of IOC employees in Kalyani and Haldia LPG Plant;

(b) was there any written enquiry report submitted by the Enquiry Committee; if so, whether it contains cross examination of the complainants before non-establishment of the allegation.

(c) in what capacity the Chief Divisional Manager-cum-State level Coordinator of IOC at Bhubaneshwar Divisional Office had circulated a D.O. letter to all contractors, dealers, distributors, transporters etc. to liberally donate for the Trust which was not patronised by IOC; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against this official for patronising a Trust against which complaints have been lodged officially by the Eastern India LPG Dealers' Association for forceful collection of Contribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) An inquiry into the allegations of coercion for forceful collection of money by a section of IOC employees in Kalyani and Haldia LPG Plants was conducted by an Inquiry Committee headed by GM (LPG), Eastern Region, IOC.

(b) No inquiry report was furnished by the Inquiry Committee as the inquiry was verbal.

(c) Chief Divisional Manager-cum-State level coordinator of IOC at Bhubaneswar had made an appeal for donation for a good cause on humanitarian grounds.

(d) Since complaint could not be established, no action against the concerned official is called for. However, IOC has suitably counselled him to be more careful in his conduct in future.

**roviding Tapti gas to Pipavav in Gujarat**

1250. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ND NATURAL GAS be pleased to ate:

(a) what final decision has been taken r allocation of gas for the proposed pavav Power Project from the Tapti -shore fields indicating the extent of s requirement for the project and the iount of gas allocated;

(b) if decision has not yet been en the reasons, for the delay; and

(c) how much gas is likely to be ilable from the Tapti off-shore fields; l what are the other projects to be with it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND TURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH ARMA): (a) and (b) It has been de-d to bring the Tapti Gas to Hazira meet the existing commitments at ira and along the HBJ pipeline. Hence s not possible to allocate Tapti for Pipavav Power Project at present.

c) The plateau production from Tapti xpected to be 4.30 MMSCMD.

**tioning of Petrol and Diesel outlets in Andhra Pradesh**

1251. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to

(a) the procedure adopted and the number of petrol and diesel outlets sanctioned during 1993-94 in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of outlets sanctioned without adopting the prescribed procedure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Majority of dealerships are awarded through Oil Selection Boards after inviting applications from persons meeting eligibility criteria with regard to age, educational qualification, income and multiple dealership norms. A few dealerships are also allotted under discretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds.

During the year 1993-94, 42 and 6 Retail Outlet dealerships were allotted through OSB and under discretionary quota of Government respectively in Andhra Pradesh.

**Oil exploration by ONGC East and West Coast**

1252. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of off-shore oil wells attempted for exploration of oil by ONGC and the number out of them where ONGC has been successful;

(b) the number of oil wells attempted in East and West coast; and

(c) the estimated oil reserves in each Coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1-10-94 a total number of 664 exploratory wells were drilled in off-shore by ONGC of which 175 wells are proved to be oil bearing and 88 are gas wells.